

frequency bands may include (but are not limited to) Long Term Evolution (LTE) (B17 (DL: 734-746 MHz; UL: 704-716 MHz), B5 (DL: 869-894 MHz; UL: 824-849 MHz), B20 (DL: 791-821 MHz; UL: 832-862 MHz), B8 (925-960 MHz; UL: 880-915 MHz) B13 (DL: 746-756 MHz; UL: 777-787 MHz), B28 (DL: 758-803 MHz; UL: 703-748 MHz), B7 (DL: 2620-2690 MHz; UL: 2500-2570 MHz), B38 (2570-2620 MHz), B40 (2300-2400 MHz) and B41 (2496-2690 MHz)), amplitude modulation (AM) radio (0.535-1.705 MHz); frequency modulation (FM) radio (76-108 MHz); Bluetooth (2400-2483.5 MHz); wireless local area network (WLAN) (2400-2483.5 MHz); hiper local area network (HiperLAN) (5150-5850 MHz); global positioning system (GPS) (1570.42-1580.42 MHz); US-Global system for mobile communications (US-GSM) 850 (824-894 MHz) and 1900 (1850-1990 MHz); European global system for mobile communications (EGSM) 900 (880-960 MHz) and 1800 (1710-1880 MHz); European wideband code division multiple access (EU-WCDMA) 900 (880-960 MHz); personal communications network (PCN/DCS) 1800 (1710-1880 MHz); US wideband code division multiple access (US-WCDMA) 1700 (transmit: 1710 to 1755 MHz, receive: 2110 to 2155 MHz) and 1900 (1850-1990 MHz); wideband code division multiple access (WCDMA) 2100 (transmit: 1920-1980 MHz, receive: 2110-2180 MHz); personal communications service (PCS) 1900 (1850-1990 MHz); time division synchronous code division multiple access (TD-SCDMA) (1900 MHz to 1920 MHz, 2010 MHz to 2025 MHz), ultra wideband (UWB) Lower (3100-4900 MHz); UWB Upper (6000-10600 MHz); digital video broadcasting-handheld (DVB-H) (470-702 MHz); DVB-H US (1670-1675 MHz); digital radio mondiale (DRM) (0.15-30 MHz); worldwide interoperability for microwave access (WiMax) (2300-2400 MHz, 2305-2360 MHz, 2496-2690 MHz, 3300-3400 MHz, 3400-3800 MHz, 5250-5875 MHz); digital audio broadcasting (DAB) (174.928-239.2 MHz, 1452.96-1490.62 MHz); radio frequency identification low frequency (RFID LF) (0.125-0.134 MHz); radio frequency identification high frequency (RFID HF) (13.56-13.56 MHz); radio frequency identification ultra high frequency (RFID UHF) (433 MHz, 865-956 MHz, 2450 MHz).

**[0052]** A frequency band over which an antenna can efficiently operate using a protocol is a frequency range where the antenna's return loss is less than an operational threshold. For example, efficient operation may occur when the antenna's return loss is better than (that is, less than) -4 dB or -6 dB.

**[0053]** The circuitry 16 may include processing circuitry, memory circuitry and input/output devices such as an audio input device (a microphone for example), an audio output device (a loudspeaker for example), a display and a user input device (such as a touch screen display and/or one or more buttons or keys).

**[0054]** The antenna arrangement 12 and the electronic components that provide the radio frequency circuitry 14 and the circuitry 16 may be interconnected via the ground member 18 (for example, a printed wiring board). The ground member 18 may be used as a ground plane for the antenna arrangement 12 by using one or more layers of the printed wiring board. The one or more layers of the printed wiring board may not be entirely dedicated as a ground plane so only a portion of one or more layers of the printed wiring board may be utilized as at least a part of the ground plane. In other embodiments, some other conductive part of the electronic device 10 (a battery cover or a chassis within the interior of

the cover 20 for example) may be used as the ground member 18 for the antenna arrangement 12. In some examples, the ground member 18 may be formed from several conductive parts of the electronic device 10, one part which may include the printed wiring board. The ground member 18 may be planar or non-planar.

**[0055]** The cover 20 has an exterior surface that defines one or more exterior visible surfaces of the electronic device 10 and also has an interior surface that defines a cavity configured to house the electronic components of the electronic device 10 such as the radio frequency circuitry 14, the circuitry 16 and the ground member 18. As described in greater detail in the following paragraphs, the antenna arrangement 12 includes at least a part of the cover 20.

**[0056]** FIG. 2 illustrates a schematic diagram of an apparatus 22 according to various examples. The apparatus 22 includes a first cover member 24, a first feed point 26, and a second feed point 28.

**[0057]** The first cover member 24 is at least a part of the cover 20 illustrated in FIG. 1 and is configured to define an exterior surface of the electronic device 10 and may be, for example, a bezel of a mobile cellular telephone or tablet computer. The first cover member 24 includes a first conductive portion 30 and may also include other portions (such as a non-conductive coating on the exterior of the first conductive portion 30 for example).

**[0058]** The first conductive portion 30 defines at least a first edge 32 and a second edge 34 of the electronic device 10. The first edge 32 is shorter than the second edge 34 and defines an aperture 36 therein. The aperture 36 may be defined at any location along the first edge 32 and may be formed in the centre of the first edge 32 for example. The electronic device 10 may include circuitry (not illustrated in FIG. 2) within the aperture 36. For example, a universal serial bus (USB) connector may be positioned within the aperture 36 so that the aperture becomes filled with the USB connector.

**[0059]** The aperture 36 may be considered to form a slot in the first edge 32 that separates the first conductive portion 30 into a first part 30<sub>1</sub> and a second separate part 30<sub>2</sub>. The first part 30<sub>1</sub> is provided on a first side of the aperture 36 and has a first end 38 adjacent the aperture 36 and a second opposite end 40. The second part 30<sub>2</sub> is provided on a second side of the aperture 36 and has a first end 42 adjacent the aperture 36 and a second opposite end 44. The second end 40 of the first part 30<sub>1</sub> and the second end 44 of the second part 30<sub>2</sub> are connected to ground 46.

**[0060]** In some examples, the second end 40 of the first part 30<sub>1</sub> and the second end 44 of the second part 30<sub>2</sub> may be connected together so that the first conductive portion 30 forms a ring having an aperture therein. In these examples, the first part 30<sub>1</sub> is connected to ground 46 at a location between the first end 38 and the second end 40. Similarly, the second part 30<sub>2</sub> is connected to ground 46 at a location between the first end 42 and the second end 44.

**[0061]** The first feed point 26 is coupled to the radio frequency circuitry 14 (illustrated in FIG. 1) to receive signals from the radio frequency circuitry 14 and/or to provide signals to the radio frequency circuitry 14. The first feed point 26 may be directly coupled to the radio frequency circuitry 14 (that is, the coupling does not include any intervening components), or may be coupled to the radio frequency circuitry 14 via one or more components (such as one or more impedance matching networks).